# Umbellifers in Edinburgh / Lothians
# Feathery Leaves (Dense)

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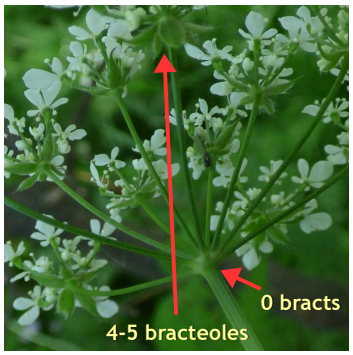
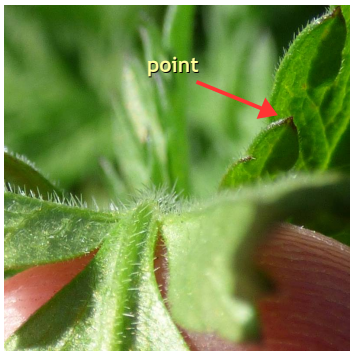
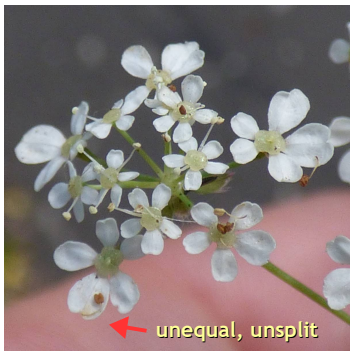
## Cow Parsley - Everywhere except high hills - Anthriscus sylvestris - Map

**Sample Spots**: Canalside.
**Varieties**: Scotland has the var sylvestris, which is sparsely hairy, more open form, has gappier leaf segments. Those south of Derbyshire have a more ‘plate-like’ and softer feel to their parts.
**Similar**: Hemlock (hairless, unchannelled leaf stalks), Rough Chervil (bracteoles & more roundy leaves), Sweet Cicely (crushed smells of aniseed), Upright Hedge Parsley (appressed hairs), Carrot (carrot smell, large forked bracts).



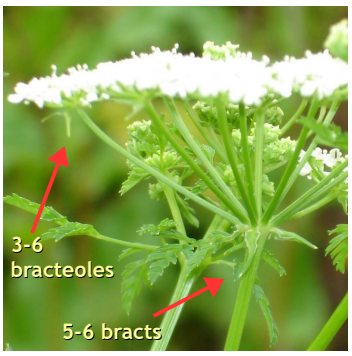



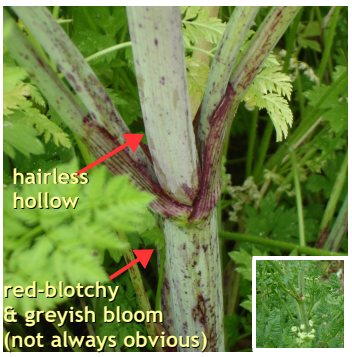


**Hemlock** - Common within 8km of coast, occasional further in - Conium maculatum - Map

**Sample Spots**: S Side of Arthur's Seat, Craigie Hill (N of Airport) E Entrance, W Side of Maybury Road.

**Similar**: Cow Parsley, Rough Chervil, Sweet Cicely, Carrot & Upright Hedge Parsley (hairy parts); Sweet Cicely also smells of aniseed (crush) and Cow Parsley has channeled leaf stalks.



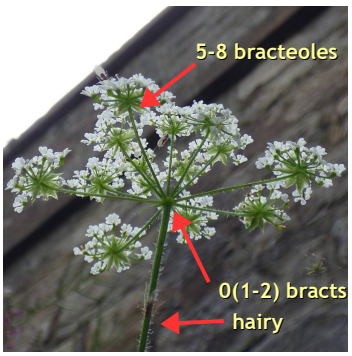


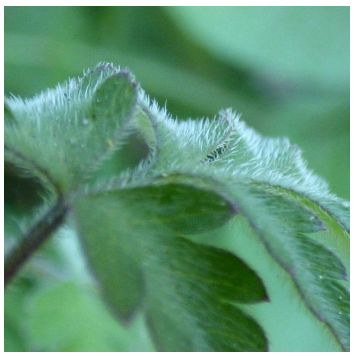
**Rough Chervil** - Common within 8km of coast, rare further in & patchy in city - Chaerophyllum temulum - Map

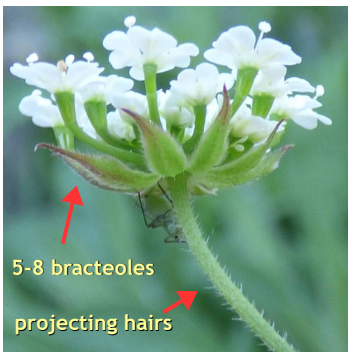
**Sample Spots**: Riverside beside Corn Exchange, S End of Dalmahoy Road (E Side).

**Similar**: Cow Parsley (no bracts, more feather-like leaves, no red blotches), Hemlock (hairless), Sweet Cicely (crushed smells of aniseed, no red blotches), Upright Hedge Parsley (appressed hairs), Carrot (carrot smell, large forked bracts).

**Two variants**, var temulum v var canescens:- RAYS to 8 (rarely 12) v to 17; LOWER STEM HAIRS undense long spreading eglandulars with shorts in between v dense short white eglandulars (less up the stem); ROOTSTOCK short + slender v tall + stout.



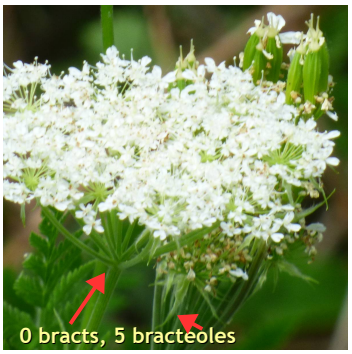



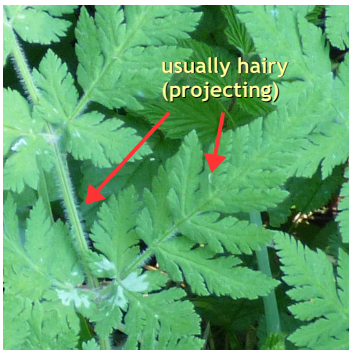


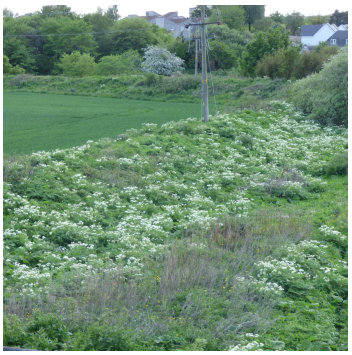
# Sweet Cicely - Common within 10km of Coast - Myrrhis odorata - Map

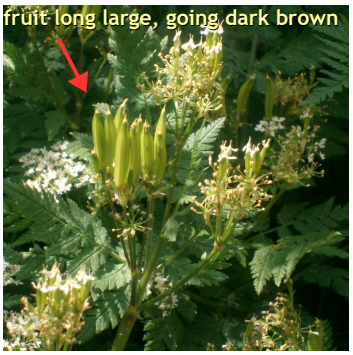
**Sample Spots**: Baird Road (Ratho).

**Similar**: Those similar (Cow Parsley, Hemlock, Rough Chervil, Upright Hedge Parsley, Carrot) have no white patches or aniseed smell.



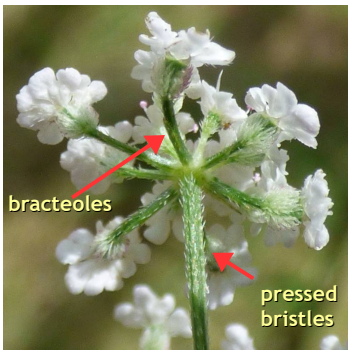


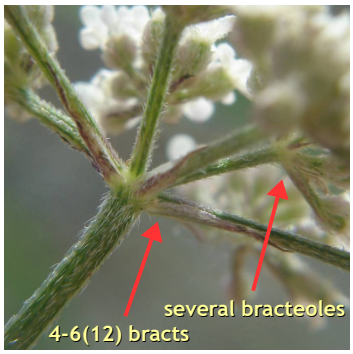


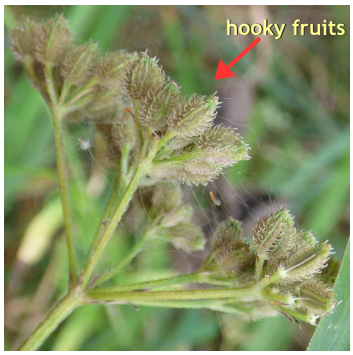
**Upright Hedge-Parsley** - Widespread within 10km of coast - Torilis japonica - Map

**Sample Spots**: Entrance Drive to EICA Climbing Centre (S edge).

**Similar**: Similar species have projecting hairs or are hairless, these have appressed hairs.



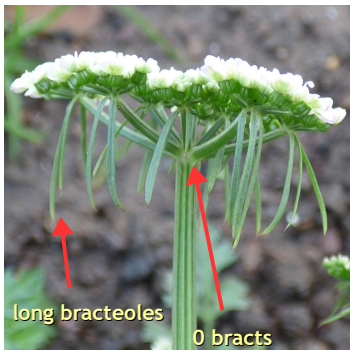



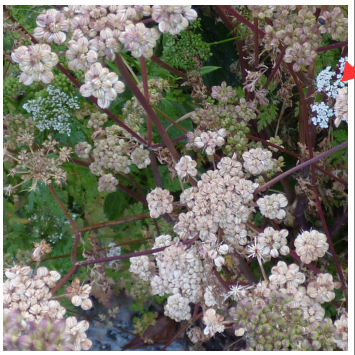


**Fool's Parsley** - Frequent within 8km of coast, sporadic further inland - Aethusa cynapium - Map

**Sample Spots**: Baird Road Pavement opp Ratho St Mary's Church.

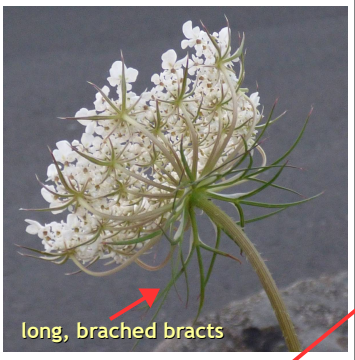
**Similar**: The long bracteoles are distinctive.

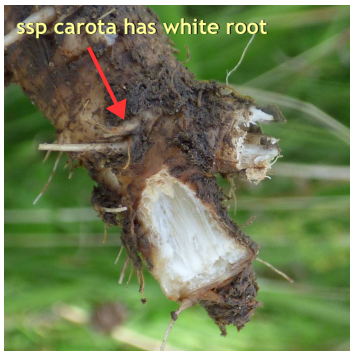


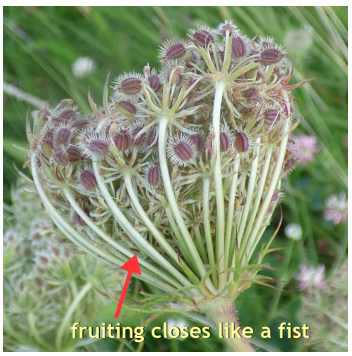


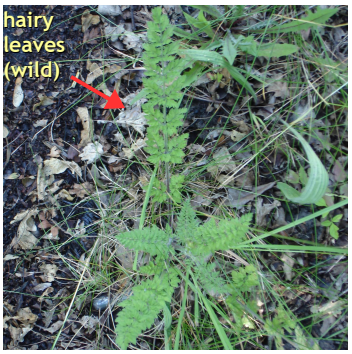
**Carrot** (Wild Carrot depicted) - Frequent within 10km of coast, occasional further in - **Daucus carota** - Map. **Sample Spot** : Calder Road at Bypass.

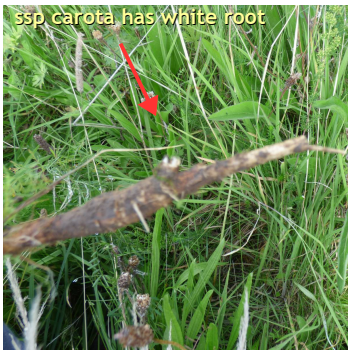
**Sea Carrot** - Daucus carota subsp. gummifer - absent in region, near the sea, is low growing branchy, head rays coarsely hairy and fruiting head doesn't close like fist - Map • **Wild Carrot** - Daucus carota L. subsp. carota - Rare occasional (Granton, Musselburgh, Monktonhall, Dalkeith, Longniddry, Livingston) has a white root, greyish-green leaves, head rays thinly coarse-haired - Map • **Cultivated Carrot** - Daucus carota subsp. sativus - 1 old record Alloa, has an orange root, bright green leaves, head rays thinly coarse-haired - Map

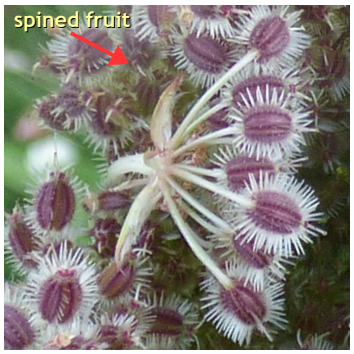








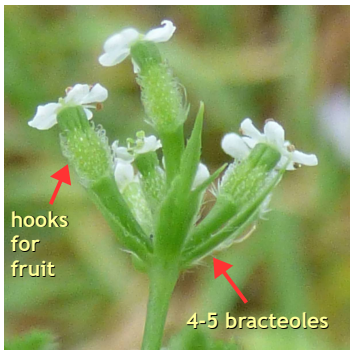



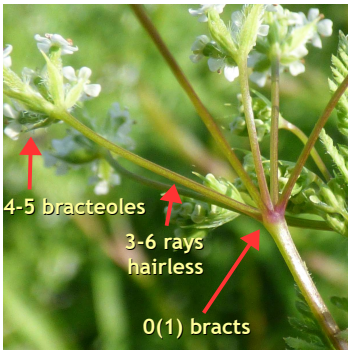



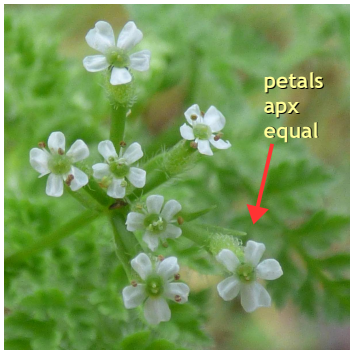
**Bur Chervil** - Coastal on the E side, and in city - Anthriscus caucalis - Map

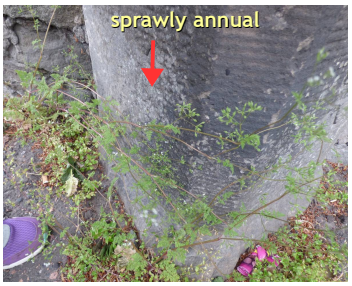
**Sample Spots**: East Hermiston fieldside, Arthur's Seat.

**Similar**: This is distinctly sprawly and clammy with an unfragrant smell.

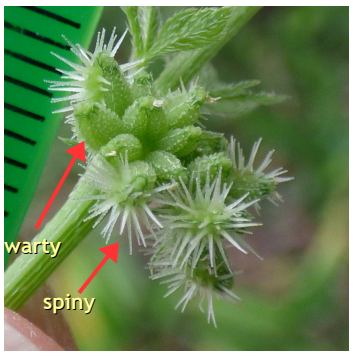




**Knotted Hedge-Parsley** - some city records (4 sq), nr North Berwick - Torilis nodosa - Map



# Occasionals

**Spignel** - 1 rec nr Leadburn, mostly Scottish hills - Meum athamanticum - Map

Pic 1 Ghislain118 at wikimedia.org

**Fine-Leaved Water-Dropwort** - ancient records - Oenanthe aquatica - Map

Pic : S. Filoche on inpn.mnhn.fr

## Garden Parsley - 1 City, 1 Dunbar, 1 Cockburnspath, some Fife - Petroselinum crispum - Map

**Sample Spots**: Grocery shelves :)

Pics 1. Kolforn on Wikimedia * 2. Kim Starr on gobotany.com * 3. Anon on Wikimedia

## Shepherd's-Needle - ancient records + 1 recent in Peebleshire hills - Scandix pecten-veneris - Map

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**Spreading Hedge-Parsley** - ancient recs in region + 1 recent N Berwick - Torilis arvensis - Map

## Other Casual Aliens

**Small Bur-parsley** - A few ancient records (City, Dalkeith, Peebles), (UK: ancient occasionals only) - Caucalis platycarpos - Map
**Golden Chervil** - 1 city record (UK: very rare alien) - Chaerophyllum aureum - Map
**Greater Bur-Parsley** - 1 recent nr Torphichen + ancient records in and beside city - Turgenia latifolia - Map

## From Nearby Region

**Garden Chervil** - 1 old record Kirkcaldy, 1 just N of Barrowburn; casual more to the S - Anthriscus cerefolium - Map
**Caraway** - Ancient occasional records - Carum carvi - Map
**Austral(ian) Carrot** - V old record Melrose (v rare UK casual) - Daucus glochidiatus - Map
**Milk-Parsley** - 1 recent Cowdenbeath in Fife (mostly E Anglia in UK) - Thyselium palustre - Map

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